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Iowa Department on Aging Announces Search for Centenarians

Iowans age 100 and above will be honored at the Annual Centenarian Honors Celebration in October

(Des Moines, IA) – Today Iowa Department on Aging (IDA) Director, Donna Harvey, reached out to fellow Iowans who may be, or know someone, who is 100 years older or older, to contact the Iowa Department on Aging so that they can be honored at the annual Centenarian Honors Celebration in October.

Director Harvey stated, “Any Iowan who will be 100 years of age by end of October 2012 qualifies for this milestone recognition. Per capita, Iowa ranks third in the nation in the number of centenarians.”

If you, a family member, or friend, has or will reach this important milestone, please contact the Iowa Department on Aging at: 515/725-3333 or toll-free 800/532-3213. New centenarians will be included in the Iowa Centenarian Registry. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, there are 846 centenarians in Iowa.

Harvey continued, “In previous years, only those centenarians new to the Registry were invited to be honored at our Centenarian Honors Celebration. New this year, we are opening this special celebration to all of Iowa’s Centenarians, those new to the Registry, and those previously honored.”

Iowa’s centenarians will be invited to be guests at the 2012 Centenarian Honors Celebration reception being held October 23, 2012 in Des Moines. Centenarians that are new to the Registry will receive a certificate signed by the Governor and presented by the Governor and Lt. Governor.

For more information regarding the centenarian recognition, or if you have questions about the program, please contact Machelle Shaffer directly at: 515/725-3312 or e-mail: machelle.shaffer@iowa.gov.

For more information on the Iowa Department on Aging, check out the Department’s website at: <http://www.aging.iowa.gov/>.

The mission of the Iowa Department on Aging is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated and cost-effective system of long term living and community support services that help individuals maintain health and independence in their homes and communities.

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